

Upper Uwchlan Township BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 12, 2013 4:00 p.m. Minutes Approved

In attendance:
Guy Donatelli, Chair
Cathy Tomlinson, Vice-Chair
Kevin Kerr, Supervisor
Cary Vargo, Township Manager

John DeMarco, Police Chief Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Guy Donatelli called the workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board - Alternate Member Vacancy

The Alternate Member position on the Zoning Hearing Board was recently vacated mid-term. The position was posted on the Township website and Bob McHugh expressed interest in serving. ZHB Chairman Cliff Schultz contacted Bob, discussed his interest and qualifications, and Cliff recommended Bob for appointment. Bob was in attendance to discuss with the Supervisors his interest in serving with the Zoning Hearing Board. Following the discussion, Guy Donatelli moved, seconded by Kevin Kerr, to appoint Bob McHugh as Alternate Member of the Zoning Hearing Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) - Review

The Auditors have recommended the Township (and Municipal Authority) diversify its cash positions to protect any monies in excess of the FDIC limit and suggested Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) or PSDLAF as a means to accomplish this. Jill Bukata advised PSDLAF accepts investments from only school districts and municipalities, has higher interest rates and has several programs for flexibility. PSDLAF representatives are scheduled to visit the Township Office in April. The Supervisors asked Jill to continue exploring options.

Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo provided updates for the following projects: the adaptive traffic signal system is now operating in the responsive/adaptive mode and the system is evaluated regularly to assure effectiveness; the Planning Commission, during Comprehensive Plan update discussions, is considering several possible zoning changes for several parcels near or along the Route 100 corridor to encourage the development of business and commercial endeavors; the Windsor Ridge dedications remain "on hold" as some documents continue to need revision; a proposed trail from within Windsor Ridge directly to Fellowship Fields has been evaluated and the area is too wet for this to be feasible so an alternate route will be evaluated; the Township Building will be connected to the public sewer system, vi a the connection with the elementary school, next month; and demolition of the salt shed at the Township Building has been completed by the Public Works staff.

Open Session

Guy Donatelli advised he attended a seminar on road safety for emergency service responders and was impressed with the presentation and materials. He'll forward the info to the Public Works and Police Departments for their use.

Kevin Kerr shared a proposal from several Bordeaux Estates residents regarding the re-planting of the islands at the entrance to their neighborhood. The Township recently removed the trees from the islands as their condition was deteriorating, the plantings weren't being maintained, and the branches were causing damage to vehicles. The Township will confirm that the suggested tree species is appropriate for the situation, and compare costs to purchase the trees against the costs to pave over the area. If the Township purchases the trees, all other responsibilities for care and maintenance of the interior of these islands will be upon the Bordeaux Estates residents.

Steve McNaughton commented the shrubbery in the ACME parking lot should be removed as it inhibits sight distance, inquired of a firearms safety class, commented the Township should consider taking a position on the various proposed pipeline expansion routes, and advised he did not receive notification of the Zoning Hearings scheduled for tomorrow evening regarding property that abuts his property.

Guy announced the April 9, 2013 Workshop is the quarterly Joint Boards and Commissions Workshop; the Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO) Spring Convention is March 14, 2013 at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern; and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Convention is April 21 – 24, 2013 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey.

Adjournment

Guy Donatelli adjourned the Workshop at 5:06 p.m. and the Board held an Executive Session regarding legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Jonik Township Secretary